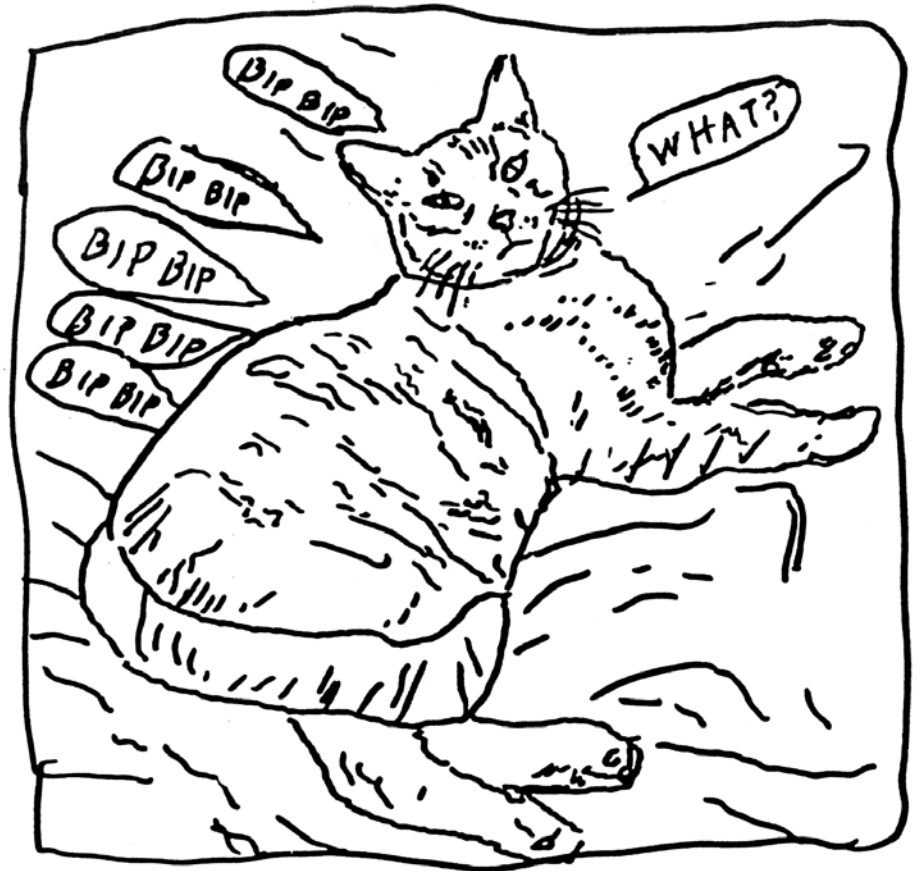


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CORDLESS



"PUSH THE BUTTON, I'LL LOOK IN THE BASEMENT. ARE YOU PUSHING THE BUTTON? I DON'T HEAR ANYTHING. I'LL LOOK IN THE BACK BEDROOM. I'M IN THE BACK BEDROOM. PUSH THE BUTTON. ARE YOU PUSHING THE BUTTON? I DON'T HEAR ANYTHING. ARE YOU PUSHING THE BUTTON? OKAY, I'M IN THE BATHROOM. PUSH THE BUTTON. I DON'T HEAR ANYTHING. I'M IN THE BEDROOM, PUSH THE BUTTON." "BIP BIP BIP." "WAIT A MINUTE, IT'S IN HERE SOMEPLACE. PUSH THE BUTTON." "BIP BIP BIP." THE CAT WAS ON OUR BED SLEEPING. SHE WAS BIP BIP BIPPING. I LIFTED UP THE CAT AND THERE WAS OUR CORDLESS PHONE. I CANNOT TELL YOU HOW MANY TIMES A WEEK WE LOSE OUR THREE CORDLESS PHONES. HOW DID WE EVER FIND THEM BEFORE THEY INCLUDED A BIPPING BUTTON? IT'S A SHAME THERE ARE NO BIPPING BUTTONS ON KEYS, FLASHLIGHTS, IMPORTANT PAPERS, GLOVES, EYEGASSES, TV REMOTES, DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENTS AND ON ALL SINGLE SOCKS.

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